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The Berry-Ball Dry Goods Co.

Special Coat Sale

Every Cloth Coat in our Stock Included. Every Coat New this Season.

LOT 1. Made in plain colors, Green, Brown and Navy, fur, plush and velvet trimmed, Regular price to \$18.75

Your choice \$13.75

LOT 2. Made in wool velours, cheviot, diagonal, wool plush, American Bolivia and high grade mixtures, prices to \$35.00, Sale price \$16.50 and \$18.50

LOT 3. Materials are Imported Bolivia and high grade velours. Colors, green, navy, beaver, Burgundy, plum and brown, lined with fancy and plain lining, fur and plush trimmed. Regular price to \$47.50 Sale price \$21.50 and \$29.50

LOT 4. BLACK COATS Regular price 10.00 to 38.00 Sale price \$7.50 to \$29.50

PLUSH COATS

Plain and fur trimmed. Regular price to 30.00

Sale price \$18.50 to \$27.50

SPECIAL PRICES on all Toilet Brush and Comb Sets, Shaving Sets, etc. Until Jan. 1, 1917, Will give 25% discount on all these goods.

STORE CLOSED NEW YEAR'S DAY.

The Berry-Ball Dry Goods Co.

PASSUMPSIC SAVINGS BANK

ST. JOHNSBURY, VT.

Happy Are The Boys And Girls

Yes, the boys and girls who have saved and acquired habits of thrift are happy this new year—and they will be happier as they see their funds accumulating at interest.

New accounts are cordially invited.

4% Interest Paid

Deposits made during the first 10 days of January draw interest from the 1st of that month.

E. C. BLANCHARD DEAD.

Prominent Newport Merchant Dies Suddenly of Heart Disease

Newport, Dec. 24.—E. C. Blanchard, one of this town's most prominent citizens and one of the best known business men of this vicinity died suddenly of heart disease, at his home here Saturday evening. He had been ill only during the day Saturday and was not thought to be in a serious condition until a few minutes before his death.

Edwin Clarence Blanchard was the son of Dr. David and Mary Blanchard and was born in Canaan, N.H., March 23, 1865, coming to Newport in 1873. He was educated in the public schools, and in St. Johnsbury Academy. In 1883 he married Harriet J. Camp. They had three children, Philip, Doris and Christine. He was a member of the Baptist church, and was also a member of the Congregational church to which he gave much time and money.

Mr. Blanchard was a man who believed in giving according to his means and his benefactions toward his church and his community were many.

His untimely death is deplored by all. He is survived by his immediate family, and by two brothers, H. C. and W. H. Blanchard of Newport.

COURT TAKES RECESS.

Caledonia County Court Will Reconvene January 8—Cummings Divorce Case Is Discontinued.

Divorce hearings occupied the attention of Caledonia County Court Friday, and at the close of the day's session Judge Butler declared a recess until January 8. For a while it was thought by some that the docket would be cleaned up before the holidays and that court would be adjourned, but the last few days seemed to leave all chance of adjournment.

The divorce case of Ellen Cummings, carried over from Thursday afternoon, was discontinued. Porter, Witters and Harvey appeared for the complainant and Simonds, Seabury and Graves for the defendant.

A suit for divorce brought by Edith G. Gibson against Joseph E. Gibson was also given a hearing, as was the case of Mitchell vs. Mitchell.

MERRY DOZEN CLUB

Holds Meeting At Home of Mrs. Butler, Miss Barlow, Hostess.

The Merry Dozen club was entertained Thursday evening by Mrs. Florence Barlow at the home of Mrs. E. J. Butler. Refreshments were given by Mrs. Charles French and Mrs. Essie Cummings. Refreshments were served during the evening.

FRATERNAL MEETINGS

Haswell Royal Arch Chapter, No. 11. Special Convocation Friday evening, December 29. Work P. and M. E. degrees. Stated Convocation Friday evening, January 12.

RAYMOND A. PEARL, E. H. P. FRED G. MOORE, Secretary.

Valentine Commandery, No. 5, K. T. Stated Convocation Tuesday evening, January 2. ANTHONY G. SPRAGUE, E. M. Commander EARL D. EVANS, Recorder.

The Museum of Natural Science. Open week days 9-12 A. M., 1-4 P. M. Sundays 2:30 to 5 P. M. All visitors welcomed.

St. Johnsbury Athenaeum.

LIBRARY READING ROOM ART GALLERY 9 o'clock to 9 o'clock each week day, Wednesday evenings excepted. 3 o'clock to 5 o'clock Sundays. All are invited.

LOCAL NOTICES

Notices will be inserted in this column in reading matter type at the rate of ten cents a line for the first insertion and five cents a line for subsequent insertions of the same copy. I have moved my office from my house to the Merchants bank block. Office hours 10 A. M. to 12 M., 1:30 M. to 4 P. M. Dr. T. S. Sullivan. Get a box of Almon's Cold Tablets at Seabury's drug store and cure your cold. Only 25 cents.

Fairbanks Coffee, sold by A. B. Meason, 78 Main street. If you need a monument or any other thing done in cemetery write or call 534 M. J. E. Walker. U. C. T. Minstrel Show will be February 2 and 3.

PAGES, DOORKEEPERS

Sergeant-at-Arms Announces Appointments for Session of 1917—D. J. Dwinell Made His Deputy.

Montpelier, Dec. 27.—The sergeant-at-arms has made his appointments. Below is the list:

Deputy sergeant-at-arms—Dwight J. Dwinell, Montpelier; salary \$3.50 per day.

Assistants in the sergeant-at-arms department—Grover C. Templeton, Worcester; William M. Meacham, Morrisville; Ford T. Plagg, Richmond; R. S. Pierce, Waterville; salary \$3.00 per day.

Postmaster—Herbert N. Locke, Fair Haven; salary \$3.50 per day.

Assistant Postmaster—Arthur G. Stevens, Essex Junction; salary \$3.50 per day.

Coat Room Attendants—Luther M. Rabin, South Burlington; Gay E. Colby, Post Mills; Leslie W. Hayes, Waterbury; salary \$3.00 per day.

Executive Messenger—Announced later.

Doorkeepers, to be assigned later—Hoyt S. Knight, South Royalton; Russell S. Smith, Addison; Lindley S. Squires, Rutland; William A. Reid, Montpelier; salary \$3.00 per day.

Pages, to be assigned later—Edward S. Dana, New Haven; Robert Longtin, Bennington; George Douglas, Barre; Russell Seavey, Chelsea; David Joseph K. Darling, Chelsea; Fred Burke, Jamaica; C. Emerson Libbey, Danville; William C. Bliss, Georgia; John R. W. Bancroft, East Calais; Kenneth Somerville, Waterbury; salary \$2.25 per day.

Janitor—John W. Hill, Montpelier; salary \$3.00 per day.

Assistant Janitors—James S. Watkins, Montpelier; Bert N. Peck, Montpelier; L. A. Flint, Montpelier; George F. Taylor, Montpelier; Roy S. Christie, Glover; W. B. Mous, Warren; Stephen Farrand, Berlin; H. B. Hall, Bennington; salary \$2.75 per day.

Engineer—George Reed, Montpelier; salary \$3.00 per day.

Night Watchman—Ira H. Edson, Montpelier; salary \$2.35 per day.

RECEIVE GOLD PIECES

Employees of Woolworth Co. Get Annual Christmas Gifts

As is the usual custom the F. W. Woolworth Company gave their old employees at Christmas a present of \$5 in gold for each year of their service with the company, up to five years.

Those employed in the local store received gold pieces as follows: Miss Ouida Johnson, \$25; Miss Beatrice Blisdon, \$20; Joseph Caffrey, \$20; Gladys Bigelow, \$15; Alexandra Hall, \$15; Beatrice Juneau, \$10; Laura Demers, \$10; and Mildred Tiltonson, \$5.

Planet Club Holds Christmas Banquet. The members of the Planet Club held a Christmas get-together Saturday evening at their club rooms in the bank block on Railroad street, which wound up later in the evening with a Christmas banquet served at Seabury's restaurant. A real social time was the program of the evening, and when the banquet call was sounded over 40 adjourned to the dining room and proceeded to do justice to the excellent menu prepared by the house.

The menu consisted of tomato bouillon, roast turkey, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, celery, steamed fruit pudding with whipped cream, hot rolls, ice cream and assorted cake and coffee.

Baraca Club Meets

A meeting of the Baraca Club of the Union Baptist church was held in the chapel Friday evening. The boys listened to a talk by their athletic director, Harold West, following which a social time was enjoyed.

Nurses Given a Victrola

The nurses at Brightbrook Hospital were very generously remembered by Mrs. Rebecca Fairbanks Christmas morning by the gift of a fine Victrola to the Nurses' Home.

PRODUCERS OF MILK MEET

Caledonia County Men To Discuss Organization At Pythian Hall Saturday.

NEW ENGLAND MOVE

Planned to Have Dairymen of Whole Section Organize in a Day—C. F. Smith To Speak—Meeting In Newport On Same Day.

A mass meeting of the milk producers of Caledonia county will be held in Pythian hall, St. Johnsbury, Saturday, Dec. 30, at 11:30 in the forenoon for the purpose of organizing a branch of the New England Milk Producers' association. The speaker here will be C. F. Smith of Morrisville, former master of the state senate.

Similar meetings are to be held at the county seat of every county in Vermont except Essex county, which will meet with the Coo county farmers at Lancaster, N. H. At Newport E. O. Colby, president of the New England Milk Producers' association, will be the speaker and organizer.

The idea is better prices for better milk, co-operative purchase of supplies, associated selling. N. E. M. P. A. proposes that the brand "Made in New England" be applied to dairy products, shall become so well and favorably known to New England consumers that every pound of milk and cream, butter and cheese, consumed in by the millions of consumers in New England shall be produced in New England. It is believed that this plan may double the amount of money paid to New England farmers for dairy products, eventually. It may do more for agriculture, for the upbuilding and for the prosperity of rural New England than any other one thing.

Each of its speakers will set forth how the New England Milk Producers' association secured the full market value for milk sold this winter, and thus put more than \$1,000,000 of extra money into the farmers' pockets. A big contest is coming. "Made in New England" is the battle cry. Therefore every cow owner whose product is consumed in New England should be lined up in the N. E. M. P. A. while those on the western edge of this territory who ship to New York may affiliate with its league. It will be emphasized how the N. E. M. P. A. covers all New England, and how each new member who joins now will have the same rights and privileges, in person or by delegate from his local, as present or former members, in the approaching annual meeting when the members will adopt a constitution and by-laws adapted to the larger work in view.

What Is to Follow.

At each county meeting farmers may join the N. E. M. P. A. Right on the spot those from each township or shipping station may complete the preliminary organization of their local. The county meeting is to appoint an organizing committee of one from each township or shipping station. Those present who are appointed to this committee, shall meet the very same day and appoint a chairman and secretary. These two officials, with the aid of the other committee men and co-operating with Richard Patee, secretary N. E. M. P. A., Myrick building, Springfield, Mass., shall proceed to arrange the time and place for the gathering in each township or shipping station. At such local meetings, attended by the dairymen of the vicinity, the local union of N. E. M. P. A. will be formed.

Dr. Brown Drives Kathrie to Win Lyndonville, Dec. 25.—In the horse races held here on the Speedway over the snow this afternoon under the auspices of the Lyndonville Driving Club, Kathrie, a pacer, driven by Dr. D. R. Brown, came out the favorite race of the afternoon, winning over Don Labor in straight heats, 33 1/2, 34, 25.

The summary follows: CLASS A, MIXED 1 1 1 Kathrie, Dr. Brown, pace, 2 2 2 Don Labor, McShane, trot, Time: 34, 34, 35.

CLASS B, PACE 1 2 1 Betsy Hanks, Jock, 2 2 2 Gene Axworthy, Ruggles, Time: 38, 34 1/2, 36.

CLASS C, MIXED 1 1 1 Addie Gratian, Dr. Brown, trot, 2 2 2 Silver Mame, Grant, pace, Time: 40, 40.

CLASS D, MIXED 1 2 1 Bessie A. Ahern, trot, 2 2 2 Thelma C. Chester, pace, Time: 40, 42, 38, 41 1/2.

CLASS E, MIXED 1 1 1 Peggy C. Chff, Chester, pace, 2 2 2 Beatrice, Bunnett, trot, 3 3 3 Laura, Smith, pace, Time: 50, 45, 48.

Gift To Capt. Griswold

Sunday, A. B. Noyes with his son, Lieut. Leigh Noyes of the super-dreadnought Pennsylvania, together with Jack Bertrand paid E. F. Griswold a visit at East St. Johnsbury. On their departure Mr. Noyes left a Christmas present of \$35.00 in cash of new bills contributed by about 50 of the captain's St. Johnsbury friends. Happy Jack Bertrand left his Christmas greetings in the form of a bottle of fine old peach brandy.

Capt. Griswold has been confined to the bed with an attack of grip for a few days, but finds much enjoyment in this liberal remembrance by his loyal friends.

JURY DISAGREED

No Decision In Case Against G. W. Bolton—Three East Ryegate Thieves Sentenced.

After over 24 hours of deliberation the jury on the case of State vs. George W. Bolton of West Burke, charged with performing an illegal operation, were still unable to agree. The jury reported during Wednesday afternoon, each time receiving instruction from the judge and went back to the jury room for further discussion.

Sentences were given in the cases of the three young men, Peter Roscoe, James Brown and William Burke, convicted for breaking and entering the store of George H. Wallace at East Ryegate about a month ago. Peter Roscoe was sentenced to the house of correction at Rutland for not less than 14 months or more than two years; James Brown received the same sentence to be served at the state prison at Windsor.

William Burke, the youngest of the boys, was given the same sentence which was suspended, and the accused put in the care of the probation officer for the minority term. He will be allowed to go to his home in Bridgeport, Conn., after being instructed in the rules of probation.

In the latter case letters were received from the boy's relatives in Connecticut assuring the court that this was the first offense, and that if allowed to return home he would be looked after. States Attorney Norton had no objection to leniency being shown if the court thought best. In pronouncing sentence Judge Butler said that to pronounce sentence on a young man just started in a bad way was one of the courts hardest duties. He further advised the prisoners to "think the matter over seriously when paying the penalty the court inflicts." He also said, "You should come out with a new resolution for the future, you can, if you will, become men among men and good citizens."

The divorce case of Annie Hill vs. Bert Hill was given a preliminary hearing by Judge Butler. Porter, Witters and Harvey represented the complainant.

After 36 hours of deliberation, the jury sitting in Caledonia county court, on the case of "Dr." George W. Bolton, charged with performing an illegal operation upon Miss Anna Gunderson of Bridgeport, Conn., at West Burke, on June 17 last, reported themselves as unable to agree. They were dismissed by Judge Butler at eleven o'clock Wednesday night.

When the jury failed to bring in a verdict after 24 hours, many who followed the case believed that there would be no verdict returned. The case excited considerable interest in the county and whether it will be tried again at the June session of County Court is not known. If it is, James B. Campbell will be the prosecutor in place of States Attorney Norton whose term expires before another term of court.

A woman does not read an advertisement "to kill time"—but to save time, and to save money.

STATE BUDGET

\$4,721,058.29

Estimates For Coming Two Years Officially Issued by New State Board

NO LARGE INCREASE

Expenses of All Officers and Departments Based On Past Expenditures—Cost of Committee On Budget Estimated At \$1,300 a Year.

Montpelier, Dec. 26.—The budget committee, consisting of the governor, auditor, state treasurer, chairman of the senate finance committee, chairman of the house ways and means committee, chairman of the house committee on appropriations and state purchasing agent, gave voters a Christmas present yesterday in the form of a budget estimate for the next two years which calls for a total of \$4,721,058.29.

This procedure is a new departure, authorized by the legislature of 1915, and the budget is the result of several meetings, the last of which occurred in November, according to statute. There is no serious increase in the proposed appropriations, the estimates being largely based on the expenditures for the past two years.

The members of the budget committee are Governor Charles W. Gates, Governor-elect Horace F. Graham, Treasurer Walter F. Scott, Senator Heber C. Cadz of Northfield, Stanley C. Wilson of Chelsea, Redfield Proctor of Proctor and Dewey T. Hanley of Montpelier.

The estimates for the various departments are as follows, the first set of figures including 1918 and the second set, 1919:

Departmental Estimates

Governor—\$5,700, \$5,700.
Secretary civil and military affairs—\$2,400, \$2,400.
Executive expenses, staff—\$1,000, \$1,000.
Secretary of state—\$10,769.15, \$10,769.15.
State treasurer—\$6,900, \$6,900.
Auditor of accounts—\$9,850, \$9,850.
Insurance commissioners—\$7,359.20, \$7,359.20.
Commissioner of taxes—\$12,545, \$12,545.
Sergeant-at-arms—\$12,239, \$12,239.
Purchasing agent—\$9,187.50, \$9,187.50.
Factory Inspector—\$3,000, \$3,000.
State library—\$7,950, \$8,500.
Adjutant and inspector general, military—\$106,820, \$106,820.
New armories—\$30,000, \$30,000.
State hospitals—\$157,301.12, \$154,874.87.
Supervisors of insane—\$2,103.20, \$2,389.90.

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BIG SPEAKERS EXPECTED

By Vermont Branch of League to Enforce Peace—Nicholas Murray Butler May Come to St. J.

At the meeting held in Montpelier recently, by the Vermont branch of the League to Enforce Peace, extensive plans were laid for the work of the league in the state. Two St. Johnsbury men are closely identified with the movement in this state. Governor Henry C. Ide is president of the state branch and Joseph Fairbanks is a member of the executive committee.

At the Montpelier meeting plans were laid for prominent men to speak in the larger places in the state in the interests of the movement. It is hoped that Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia University will be able to make arrangements to give an address in St. Johnsbury sometime in the spring. Ex-President Taft, it is expected, will speak in Montpelier in the month of March. Other prominent men will speak at different points in the state.

The society in Vermont will have a secretary engaged to do the state work in the near future. The league is working for the enforcement of peace through an agreement of the nations to police the world. Any nation within the agreement who breaks the treaty in any manner will be compelled by the other nations acting in unison to submit the questions to arbitration.

The members of the state executive board are: President, Gov. Henry C. Ide, St. Johnsbury; chairman of the executive committee, Guy Potter Benton, Burlington; Joseph Fairbanks, St. Johnsbury; Gov. Gates, Franklin; Gov. Elect, Graham, Craftsbury; James Harkness, Springfield; Ex-Mayor Estey, Montpelier and Treasurer Ralph Flanders, Springfield.

Suspend Criticism

You are not to blame for the present Coal situation, neither are we. We can work the thing out together on a Golden Rule basis. Criticism won't help a bit.



DID You get one of our Christmas Checks This Year?

You surely ought to have one next Christmas

OUR CLUB FOR 1917 OPENS DEC. 27, 1916

HERE IS THE PLAN

Members starting with 1 cent and increasing 1 cent each week for fifty weeks receive \$12.75 and interest.	Members starting with 5 cents and increasing 5 cents each week for fifty weeks receive \$63.75 and interest.
Members starting with 50 cents and decreasing 1 cent each week for fifty weeks receive \$12.75 and interest.	Members starting with \$2.50 and decreasing 5 cents each week for fifty weeks receive \$63.75 and interest.
Members starting with 2 cents and increasing 2 cents each week for fifty weeks receive \$25.50 and interest.	Members starting with 10 cents and increasing 10 cents each week for fifty weeks receive \$127.50 and interest.
Members starting with \$1.00 and decreasing 2 cents each week for fifty weeks receive \$25.50 and interest.	Members starting with \$5.00 and decreasing 10 cents each week for fifty weeks receive \$127.50 and interest.
Members paying 25 cents each week for fifty weeks receive \$12.50 and interest.	
Members paying 50 cents each week for fifty weeks receive \$25.00 and interest.	
Members paying \$1.00 each week for fifty weeks receive \$50.00 and interest.	
Members paying \$2.00 each week for fifty weeks receive \$100.00 and interest.	

BANK OPEN EVENINGS OF DEC. 28th, 29th, 30th, and JAN. 4th and 6th.

Merchants National Bank
ST. JOHNSBURY VERMONT